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SELECTION OF TEST SPECIES FOR TESTING TO IDENTIFY COMPONENTS
THEREOF THAT DELETERIOUSLY AFFECT A TARGET SPECIES MEMBER

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

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The present invention generally pertains to materials that deleteriously affect members of a target species and is particularly directed to selection of test species as well as to identifying, manufacturing, testing and using such materials.

10 It has been known to identify components of members of test species that deleteriously affect members of a target species by a method including the steps of:

(a) separating at least one member of each of a plurality of test species into a plurality of components;

15 (b) exposing at least some of said separated components of said member(s) of the test species separately to members of the target species; and

(c) examining said exposures to determine for said identification whether members of the target species have been deleteriously affected by said exposures.

20 This method has been conducted to identify materials that are deleterious to a target species that is a symbiont of an adjainer species, such as a parasite of the adjainer species. Although such identification method has been practiced with test species that are symbionts or traditional food sources of the adjainer species, it is believed that such symbiotic relationship and such food-source relationship between the test species and the adjainer species have been merely incidental to broad screenings of a plurality of

different test species based upon their chemical compositions rather than an intentional aspect of the method. A food source includes plants and animals and secretions and waste products therefrom, such as honey, pollen, sap, milk, feces and urine.

5 Symbiotic relationships between different species include (a) a parasitic relationship, wherein one species benefits from the relationship and the other species is harmed by the relationship; (b) mutualism, wherein both species benefit from the relationship; (c) commensalism, wherein one species benefits from the relationship and the other species is unaffected by the relationship; and (d) amensalism, wherein one
10 species is harmed by the relationship and the other species is unaffected by the relationship.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

15 The present invention provides a method of identifying components of members of test species that deleteriously affect members of a target species, comprising the steps of:

(a) separating at least one member of a test species into a plurality of components;
(b) exposing at least some of said separated components of said member(s) of the
20 test species separately to members of the target species, wherein the target species is a symbiont of an adjoiner species;

(c) examining said exposures to determine for said identification whether members of the target species have been deleteriously affected by said exposures; and

(d) selecting the test species from among test species that are attached or internal to a member of the adjainer species whom has not reacted to the target species as adversely as other members of the adjainer species.

5 The present invention provides each separated component of a member of a test species identified by any of the above-described identification methods as deleteriously affecting members of a target species or an equivalent of said identified component.

10 The present invention further provides methods of manufacturing products including a test-species component identified by any of the foregoing methods as deleteriously affecting members of a target species and/or an equivalent of said identified component, as described below in the detailed description of the preferred embodiments.

15 The present invention also provides products manufactured according to such methods of manufacture.

20 The present invention additionally provides methods of using and testing products manufactured according to such methods of manufacture, as described below in the detailed description of the preferred embodiments.

 Additional features of the present invention are described with reference to the detailed description of the preferred embodiments.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING

FIG. 1 is a block diagram of one preferred embodiment of the identification method of the present invention.

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FIG. 2 is a block diagram of another preferred embodiment of the identification method of the present invention.

FIG. 3 is a block diagram of a further preferred embodiment of the identification method of the present invention.

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FIG. 4 is a block diagram showing preferred embodiments of product manufacturing methods according to the present invention

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FIG. 5 is a block diagram of one preferred embodiment of a product testing method according to the present invention

FIG. 6 is a block diagram of another preferred embodiment of a product testing method according to the present invention.

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION

In the various embodiments of the present invention described herein, the adjoiner species include but are not limited to the human species, a species having a near-human-species genetic composition, such as chimpanzees and pigs, and other species afflicted with parasitic diseases; the target species include but are not limited to HIV (the AIDS-causing virus), cancer causing viruses, E.coli bacteria, histoplasma capsulatum (which causes histoplasmosis), borrelia burgdoferi (which causes Lyme's disease), the typhoid fever causing virus, the Norwalk virus and the rotavirus; and the test species include but are not limited to plasmodium falciparum, plasmodium ovale, plasmodium vivax, and plasmodium malariae (all four of which are species of malaria), treponema pallidum (syphilis), the smallpox virus, mycobacterium tuberculosis, ascaris lumbricoides (tapeworm), dermatophyte (athlete's foot), helicobacter pylori (ulcer-causing bacteria) and traditional food sources of the adjoiner species, including co-evolutionary food sources of the adjoiner species that previously had not been known to be food sources of the adjoiner species.

Referring to FIG. 1, one preferred embodiment of the method of the present invention of identifying components of members of test species that deleteriously affect members of a target species that is a symbiont of a given adjoiner species includes a step 10 of selecting a test species from among species that are attached to an adjoiner species member whom was exposed to the target species but did not react adversely thereto as did other exposed members of the adjoiner species; a step 12 of separating at least one

member of the selected test species into a plurality of components; a step 14 of exposing
at least some of the separated components of the member(s) of the test species separately
to members of the target species; and a step 16 of examining such exposures to determine
for such identification whether members of the target species have been deleteriously
5 affected by such exposures.

Referring to FIG. 2, another preferred embodiment of the method of the present
invention of identifying components of members of test species that deleteriously affect
members of a target species that is a symbiont of a given adjoiner species includes a step
10 20 of selecting a test species from among species that are attached to an adjoiner species
member whom was exposed to the target species and reacted adversely thereto but not as
adversely as did other exposed members of the adjoiner species; a step 22 of separating at
least one member of the selected test species into a plurality of components; a step 24 of
exposing at least some of the separated components of the member(s) of the test species
15 separately to members of the target species; and a step 26 of examining such exposures to
determine for such identification whether members of the target species have been
deleteriously affected by such exposures.

Referring to FIG. 3, a further preferred embodiment of the method of the present
20 invention of identifying components of members of test species that deleteriously affect
members of a target species that is a symbiont of a given adjoiner species includes a step
30 of selecting a test species from among species that are attached to an adjoiner species
member; a step 32 of separating at least one member of the selected test species into a

plurality of components; a step 34 of exposing at least some of the separated components of the member(s) of the test species separately to members of the target species; and a step 36 of examining such exposures to determine for such identification whether members of the target species have been deleteriously affected by such exposures.

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In some preferred embodiments, the test species are symbionts or traditional food sources of the adjainer species.

10 In some preferred embodiments, the separation step 12, 22, 32 the exposure step 14, 24, 34 and the examination step 16, 26, 36 are executed methodically and systematically with a large number of test species that are symbionts of the adjainer species.

15 In some preferred embodiments, the separation step 12, 22, 32 the exposure step 14, 24, 34 and the examination step 16, 26, 36 are executed methodically and systematically with a large number of test species that are traditional food sources of the adjainer species.

20 In some preferred embodiments, the separation step 12, 22, 32 is executed with such a large number of test species that are symbionts of the adjainer species that the ratio of execution of the separation step 12, 22, 32 when the test species are symbionts of the adjainer species relative to execution of the separation step 12, 22, 32 when the test species are not symbionts of the adjainer species is significantly higher than said ratio of

execution according to the prior art.

5 In some preferred embodiments, the separation step 12, 22, 32 is executed with such a large number of test species that are traditional food sources of the adjainer species that the ratio of execution of the separation step 12, 22, 32 when the test species are traditional food sources of the adjainer species relative to execution of the separation step 12, 22, 32 when the test species are not traditional food sources of the adjainer species is significantly higher than said ratio of execution according to the prior art.

10 In some preferred embodiments, the exposure step 14, 24, 34 and the examination step 16, 26, 36 are executed in such large numbers when the test species are symbionts of the adjainer species that the ratio of execution of the exposure step 14, 24, 34 and the examination step 16, 26, 36 when the test species are symbionts of the adjainer species relative to execution of the exposure step 14, 24, 34 and the examination step 16, 26, 36 when the test species are not symbionts of the adjainer species is significantly higher than
15 said ratio of execution according to the prior art.

20 In some preferred embodiments, the exposure step 14, 24, 34 and the examination step 16, 26, 36 are executed in such large numbers when the test species are traditional food sources of the adjainer species that the ratio of execution of the exposure step 14, 24, 34 and the examination step 16, 26, 36 when the test species are traditional food sources of the adjainer species relative to execution of the exposure step 14, 24, 34 and the examination step 16, 26, 36 when the test species are not traditional food sources of

the adjoiner species is significantly higher than said ratio of execution according to the prior art.

5 In some preferred embodiments of the methods described above, prior to the separation step 12, 22, 32, the method includes a step (not shown) of exposing at least a component of the target species to at least one member of the selected test species for the purpose of establishing any immunity of such target-species component to the selected test species as may be established.

10 In some embodiments of the above-described methods, members of the test species at least in some aspect deleteriously affect members of the adjoiner species.

15 In some embodiments of the above-described methods, members of the target species at least in some aspect deleteriously affect members of the adjoiner species.

20 Preferred embodiments of methods according to the present invention of manufacturing a product including a test-species component identified by any of the above-described methods as deleteriously affecting members of a target species and/or an equivalent of said identified component are described with reference to FIG. 4. The product is manufactured either by a step 40 of separating the identified component in bulk quantities from said members of said test species or by a step 42 of synthesizing the identified component and/or an equivalent of the identified component in bulk quantities. The manufacturing method may further include a step 44 of modifying the product to

decrease any deleterious effect upon the adjoiner species caused by the identified component and/or the equivalent of the identified component; and/or a step 46 of modifying the product to increase the deleterious effect upon the target species caused by the identified component and/or the equivalent of the identified component. The deleterious effect can be modified by varying the quantity of the identified component and/or the equivalent of the identified component within the product.

Referring to FIG. 5, one preferred embodiment of a method according to the present invention of testing the above-described manufactured product, includes a step 50 of exposing the product to the adjoiner species or a member of a trial species; and a step 52 of examining such exposure to determine the extent of any deleterious effect upon the adjoiner species or the trial species respectively. Preferably, the trial species reacts to such exposure in a manner equivalent to such a reaction by the adjoiner species.

Referring to FIG. 6, another preferred embodiment of a method according to the present invention of testing the above-described manufactured product, includes a step 56 of exposing the product to the target species; and a step 58 of examining such exposure to determine the extent of the deleterious effect upon the target species.

A preferred embodiment (not shown) of a method according to the present invention of using a component of a member of a test species identified by any of the above-described methods and/or an equivalent of the identified component to treat an adjoiner species that is afflicted with a target species includes the step of exposing the

identified component and/or the equivalent of the identified component to members of the target species that are residing in or on a member of the adjainer species. Preferably, such exposure is accomplished by using a product manufactured by one of the above-described manufacturing methods.

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In some, but not all, of the various embodiments of the deleterious-component identifying methods according to the present, it is preferred that during the step of exposing separated components of member(s) of the test species to members of the target species, the exposed members of the target species are isolated from the adjainer species.

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The advantages specifically stated herein do not necessarily apply to every conceivable embodiment of the present invention. Further, such stated advantages of the present invention are only examples and should not be construed as the only advantages of the present invention.

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While the above description contains many specificities, these should not be construed as limitations on the scope of the present invention, but rather as examples of the preferred embodiments described herein. Other variations are possible and the scope of the present invention should be determined not by the embodiments described herein but rather by the claims and their legal equivalents.

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